Henrico County Pandemic Flu Summit

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- Participate
- Partner
- Prepare
- Why is this important?
- "The Cavalry will not come!"

- Importance of "personal disaster plan", CERT, MMRS, MRC
- Families/Homes, Schools, Healthcare Facilities, Businesses/Jobs, Churches/Clubs/Social Organizations
- Planning—Federal/State/Local
- Secure Commonwealth Panel

- World Changed on 9/11/01
- Pentagon in Virginia
- ER Doctor's worst nightmare
- Secure Virginia/Health & Medical Subpanel
- Health Department, First Responders, Providers
- Planning translates to Legislation

But the Disasters Kept Coming

Anthrax—Fall 2001

Muhammed/Malvo—2002

SARS-2003

Isabel-September 2003—No power x 13 d.

Gaston—Summer 2004

Katrina/Rita—Summer 2005

??? Not "if", but "when"

 Planning now strengthens us for the next disaster, but makes us vital